

Emergency Response
 Weekly Report: May 4 - May 9

During week 7 of emergency response plan, we distributed approximately 1,206 pounds of fresh organic products to the south Phoenix residents. There were 201 totes distributed, served 836 individuals. During this week, we received approximately 200 pounds of fresh produce (greens and vegetables) from Blue Sky Organic Farm. Bags for the totes were donated by American Heart Association and Fresh Connections (see Figure 1), each packaged included 6 pounds of produce. Other produces were purchased from Spaces of Opportunity farmers, Orchard Community Learning Center and Sun Produce Cooperative. This week produces included green onions, carrots, garlic, pinto beans, lettuce, beets, oranges, zucchini, and chard. Before the distribution there are many staff that staff completes behind the scenes. These steps include washing the produce after harvest and before packaging. Figure 2 shows the sorting and washing station at Orchard Community Learning Center. Depending on the produce, the washing station is a 3 people job for 4 hours per week. We are always looking for volunteers.



Figure 1. Distribution at Cesar Chavez



Figure 2. Washing and Sorting Station at Orchard Community Learning Center

Funding for this program comes from Fresh Connection. Table 1 presents the number of bags made and number of people served per month. In addition to the produce, families receive information about Fresh Connection program, one recipe, one flyer for Spaces of Opportunity and one flyer with census information. Now thanks to American Heart Association and University of Arizona Cooperative Extension we will include a jump rope in every bag. In addition, thanks to United Healthcare we have hand sanitizer and sunscreen available for clients.

Programs Updates

Using a holistic approach, Unlimited Potential Community Health Workers (UP-CHWs) are now partnering with the Southern Arizona Community Health Workers to meet the needs of Migrant Farm Workers in Southern Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. In response, UP-CHWs handmade 105 face masks for the border communities. In addition, UP-CHWs are partnering with other non-profit groups to assist first generation



Figure 3. Handmade face masks for Migrant Farm Workers.



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youth immigrants from Guatemala. This partnership encourages a multi-cultural exchange, embracing diversity, thereby improving emotional health and well-being for all.

Table 1. Fresh Produce Distribution in South Phoenix, by Month

	Totes distributed	Pounds of fresh produce	People served
March (March 23 – 30)	169	845	790
April (April 1 – 30)	923	5077	4049
May (May 1 – 11)	265	1590	1115

Executive Director's Note

Unlimited Potential staff recognize the importance of unity to develop long lasting solutions. Therefore, I want to give my sincere thank you to all the staff at: Unlimited Potential, Orchard Community Learning Center, Tiger Mountain Foundation, Roosevelt School District, Desert Botanical Garden, and farmers at Spaces of Opportunity for rising to new levels of support and partnership.